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PRINCIPLES OF PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

Time : 3 Hours]

[Total Marks : 100

- Note :**
- (i) Choose language of your choice to write programs if not mentioned.
 - (ii) Assume values, but not impose any property not mentioned explicitly.

Attempt any **four** parts of the following : **5×4=20**

- (a) What are the general characteristics of programming languages ? Explain each.
- (b)
 - (i) What makes a good programming language ?
 - (ii) What are external influencing factors of programming languages ?
- (c) What do you understand by binding and binding time ? What is the difference between binding at compile time and binding at execution time ? Take an expression of a language and discuss various types of binding done for this statement.
- (d) Write a statement in a language of your choice, list the various bindings that are necessary to completely determine the semantics of the statement when it is executed.

- (e) What are the general syntactic criteria of a programming language ? Explain.
- (f) Explain the terms :
 - (i) Translators
 - (ii) Software simulation.

2 Attempt any **four** parts of the following : **5×4=20**

- (a) Explain the terms variables, constants and literals for a language.
- (b) Describe any attributes for an elementary data type that a data object of that type may have other than its data type.
- (c) For a language of your choice, find an example of a primitive operation that is undefined for some data objects in its specified domain. Also discuss the criteria for implementation of operations.
- (d) When and why dynamic type checking and static type checking operation are performed ? Give major advantages using type checking operations.
- (e) Explain the following terms with three examples for each :
 - (i) Programmer - constructed data object
 - (ii) System-defined data object.
- (f) Write a program for your choice, give a complete specification of the arguments and results of each sub program. Include implicit arguments in the specification. Are any of them undefined for some arguments in the domain you specified ?

3 Attempt any **two** parts : **10×2=20**

- (a) What will be syntax and semantic for the following expression ?
Expression : $a * b ^ 2 + c / d - e * \text{fun}(y)$
Discuss about side effects problem for the above expression.

- (b) Consider the following program. Give the three numbers printed in the case Y is transmitted to

P :

- (i) by value
- (ii) by reference
- (iii) by value - result
- (iv) by name.

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main ( )
var Y : integer
Procedure P ( Y : int);
begin
    X = X + 1;
    printf (X,Y)
end;
begin
    Y = 2;
    P(Y);
    Printf(Y);
end.
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- (c) Suppose that you wished to design a language that used :

- (i) retained local environments.
- (ii) no recursive subprogram calls and
- (iii) non-local references based on dynamic scope.

Explain how the referencing environment is represented. Explain the actions taken on subprogram call and return. Explain how nonlocal referencing is implemented.

4 Attempt any **two** of the following : 10×2=20

- (a) Analyze the storage management techniques used in a language implementation. Consider the various elements requiring storage management.

- (b) The striking features of a garbage collection as a method of storage recovery is that its cost is inversely proportional to the amount of storage recovered. When a program is just about to run out of storage altogether, it often performs a series of lengthy and costly garbage collections before it terminates altogether. Give a method for avoiding repeated useless garbage collections of this sort.
- (c) Explain the following terms :
- (i) Heap storage management
 - (ii) Stack-based storage management
 - (iii) Static storage management.

5 Attempt any **two** parts : **10×2=20**

- (a) (i) How does the C++ model for exceptions differ from the Java model ?
- (ii) Is C++ an object-oriented language ? Explain.
- (b) Write notes on the following terms :
- (i) Lambda calculus
 - (ii) Data flow language
 - (iii) Object-Oriented Language.
- (c) (i) Why are private parts of a superclass generally not made accessible to subclasses ?
- (ii) Can we have inheritance without polymorphism ? Explain.